for Penicillin at Hindustan Antibiotics Limited have been received and if so, what are their details;

(b) when was each proposal received, what are the financial implications and why decision on these proposals have not been taken by the HAL or Government;

(c) whether acceptance of these proposals would lead to improvement in the profitability of HAL and if so, what are the projections of profitability; and

(d) whether it is a fact that delay in acceptance of the proposals is leading to increased imports and higher outgo of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) A formual proposal for collaboration has been received by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited on the 31st January, 1994. A detailed evaluation is to be made by the company.

Bombay High Court's direction for recovery into DPEA

3036. PROF. I. G. SANADI:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the direction of the Bombay High Court in the matter of recovery of over Rs. 100 crores into the Drug Price Equalisation Account;

(b) when was this direction given and when it was complied with;

(c) what is the present position and why the Ministry has not gone back to the Bombay High Court;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a high level involvement in stalling the recovery in this manner; and

(e) what steps are being taken to expedite the recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a), (b), (c) and (e) Against the notices issued to various drug companies regarding recoveries into Drug Price Equaisation Account (DPEA), 9 companies have filed writ petitions in the Bombay High Court which gave certain directions in 8 cases. As a result of which some recoveries/bank guarantees have been obtained. The pending writ petition filed by a drug company in Bombay High Court is being pursued.

(d) No, Sir.

Price of Chlorpheniramine Maleate

3037. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the price for Chlorpheniramine Maleate notified at Rs. 747.37 per Kg and whether it is a fact that BICP started recognising price of Rs. 1100 per Kg in the formulations Rs. if so, since when;

(b) how was the notified price ignored and high market price was adopted and what is the justification in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry and BICP failed to adopt the lower market price for Ampicillin Sodium, Renitidine, Metronidazole, Furazolidone, Trimethoprim and certain other drugs;

(d) if so, what is the market price of each and at what price Government has fixed prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that large houses are involved in the production of the formulations based on these drugs and that they have given agencies and other inducements to the Officers of the Ministry and the BICP; and

(f) why has the principal not been followed consistently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The price of bulk drug Chlorpheneramine Maleate was notified as Rs. 747.37/Kg on 6-1-81, which is being adopted by the Government for the pricing of formulations.